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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 49/
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR LAWTON CHIBES

REF: SAN JOSE 3062

1. SENATOR CHILES AND TWO ASSISTANTS ARRIVED
AUGUST 27 AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND WERE MET BY A PRIVATE
INDIVIDUAL AND AT THE SENATORS
REQUEST BY THE EMBASSY
CONTROL OFFICER. THE GROUP'S DEPARTURE FOR GUATEMALA WAS
DELAYED UNTIL 7:25 AM, AUGUST 30, BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER.

2. THE EMBASSY'S PARTICIPATION WAS ONLY PARTIAL AT SENATOR'S
REQUEST AND LIMITED TO PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SERVICES AND SOME
ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS. THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY'S
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS BRIEFED THE SENATOR DURING
BREAKFAST, AUGUST 28. THE AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED THE SENATOR
TO APPOINTMENTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AND
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY LUIS ALBERTO MONGE.
THE SENATOR TRIED TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH ALL FOUR
MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, BUT SUCCEEDED IN
ONLY TWO CASES. HE MET BRIEFLY WITH PRD CANDIDATE
RODRIGO CARAZO AND FOR A LONGER TIME WITH UN
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CANDIDATE FERNANDO TREJOS ESCALANTE. NEITHER

DANIEL ODUBER (PLN) NOR JORGE GONZALEZ MARTEN (PNI)
WAS IN THE COUNTRY.

3. SENATOR CHILES INTENDS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE
ON AUGUST 31 UPON HIS RETURN TO FLORIDA. HE WILL
LARGELY DISCUSS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE FOUR
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES JUST VISITED AND WILL
MENTION THAT HE INTENDS TO SEE (REFTEL) SECRETARY-
DESIGNATE KISSINGER UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10. THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
CAN EXPECT A TELEPHONE CALL FROM COLIN BRADFORD,
SENATOR CHILES' SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LATIN AMERICA,
REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT. CHILES INTENDS TO BRIEF
THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ON HIS IMPRESSIONS GAINED IN
HIS VISITS TO VENEZUELA, COTEMBLA, COSTA RICA, AND
GUATEMALA.
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